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Office Action Summary

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-24 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-6 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,7 and 9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Claims 10-24 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected claims, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 10/18/07.

Claim Objections

Claims 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 1 contains multiple transistional terms “comprising” which makes it unclear where the preamble ends and the claimed limitations begin. This further confuses what language should be afforded patentable weight . Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hu et al ('802).

Hu teaches the following claimed limitations as cited below:

1. An integrated circuit, comprising;

a first transistor (44), comprising:

a first gate region (46) comprised of a semiconductor structure on a substrate (Fig.3/4/5); and a first body region comprised of a semiconductor layer, having a first channel region (C) disposed on the first gate region (Fig.3/4/5) and a source (S) and drain (D) formed on either side of the first channel region (Fig.3/4/5); and a second transistor (42) coupled to the first transistor, comprising:

a second body region comprised of the semiconductor structure, having a second channel region (C) and a source (S) and drain (D) formed on either side of the second channel region (Fig.3/4/5); and a second gate region (46) comprised of the semiconductor layer, disposed on the second channel region (Fig.3/4/5).

(Note Fig.3 shows the source channel and drain regions which are formed but not labeled in subsequent figures 4 and 5)

2. The integrated circuit of claim 1, wherein the semiconductor structure (100, 102) comprises a silicon fin (Fig.6).

4. The integrated circuit of claim 1, wherein the drain of the first transistor is connected to the gate of the second transistor by the semiconductor layer (Fig.3/4/5).

5. The integrated circuit of claim 1, further comprising a third transistor, wherein the third transistor comprises: a third body region comprised of the semiconductor structure, having a

third channel region and a source and drain formed on either side of the third channel region; and a third gate region comprised of the semiconductor layer, disposed on the third channel region (Fig.6).

6. The integrated circuit of claim 5, wherein the gate of the first transistor is connected to the drain of the third transistor by the semiconductor structure (Fig.6).

8. The integrated circuit of claim 1, further comprising an underpass, wherein the underpass allows a portion of the semiconductor structure having a first doping type to insulatively pass under a portion of the semiconductor layer having the first doping type (Fig.2F).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3, 7 and 9 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

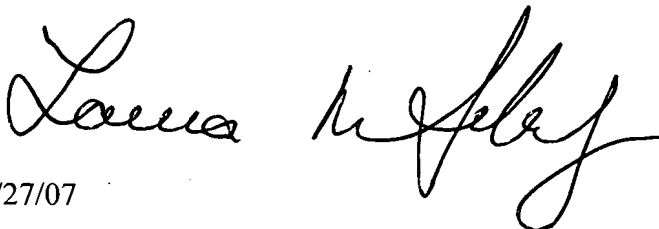
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura M. Schillinger whose telephone number is (571) 272-1697. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T, R-F 7:00-5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carl W. Whitehead, Jr. can be reached on (571) 272-1702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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